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**Written Testimony of  
Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner  
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Labor and Public Employees Committee  
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Good Afternoon Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 6932 AAC Paid Family Medical Leave**. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

I support the concept of making paid family medical leave available to those who need it. However, this new program would have a significant impact on the Department. Further, this program would expand the number of employers covered by the FMLA as well as the number of employees. There are no appropriations in the budget for such an expanded program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.